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Title : Need to ban use of Endosulphane in the country and rehabilitate those affected due to use of this pesticide in Kasergod district in Kerala.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Continuous use of Endosulphane in some villages in Kasargod district of Kerala has caused huge damage. Forty-four persons have already during 3 last years. About thousand people are living with serious health problems. This includes children, women and elderly persons. The two committees appointed by the Government of Kerala has already confirmed in their report the adverse effects of endosulphane to human life. The Dubey Committee appointed by the Central Government which did not take evidence from the local people including victims, unfortunately, had a different version. However, the State Government has taken steps to stop the use of endosulphane in an effected area. Now the authorities have replaced endosulphane with a more harmful pesticide. The actual problem still remains. The victims still continue to suffer.

The Central Government and State Government have to take immediate steps for rehabilitation of these people. Medical assistance and financial assistance has to be given to the victims and ban the use of such dangerous pesticides from use in future.